Cellular Phones in trains

2248. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are utilising cellular phones in all trains to prevent accident and robberies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Cellular phones are not being utilised in trains to prevent accidents and robberies. At present continuous cellular coverage is not available along the track and as such it will not be possible to use cellular phones for this purpose.

Transport of mangoes in A.P.

2249. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide more rakes, to transport mangoes from Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are proposed for proper preservation of fruits in cold storages, etc. to boost export, so that fruits are not damaged in railway godowns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Every year, during the mango season, transportation of mangoes from Andhra Pradesh is being done on top priority. During this mango season from April 2001 to June 2001, 43 rakes of mango special trains were run from Vizianagaram to Naya Azadpur and 2 special trains (NMG rakes) from Vizianagaram to Kolkata, Similarly, 39 rakes of mango special trains were run from Nuzvid, Falaknuma and Vijayawada to Naya Azadpur as per the demands of the merchants. The demands were fully complied with.

(c) The transit time of mango rakes is monitored to avoid deterioration to the fruits due to inordinate delays. Railways do not provide preservation facilities like cold storage, etc.

Nuisances in Satyagrah Express

†2250. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that eunuchs, snake-charmers and juggles board the 4047/4048 Satyagrah Express and tease the passengers for money;

(b) whether they tease more in between Sitapur and Ghaziabad in 4047 if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, number of complaints registered in this regard; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to stop it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir. No such complaints has been lodged by any of the passengers.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Travelling without proper ticket and committing any nuisance so as to affect the comfortable travel are offences under the Railway Act, 1989. Frequent checks are carried out by the Railway officials and Police authorities to take action against such offenders.

Doubling of Bangalore-Mysore rail line

2251. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bangalore-Mysore rail line is proposed to be doubled; and

(b) if so, by when the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

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